

Park Gate Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see some parents at our first 'Coffee and a Catch Up' this week. It is an opportunity to meet with some members of staff and chat about school matters. Our next planned session is on Wednesday 22nd November at 8.45am where we will have some phonics resources for parents to look through. We hope to see some of you there.

Next week we have each class visiting the SCARF classroom to meet our friend Harold the Giraffe and work on their Personal Development Learning (PDL) curriculum with our Coram Life Education staff. We have attached a letter about our SCARF learning with this newsletter.

An update on Mrs McCarthy... She continues to do well and has had her bandages removed. She has special shoes to wear and has started some physio to gain her foot strength back.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Allison Chapman

Deputy Head

School Photographer—Returning on Tuesday 10th October

The school photographer is returning to school next week to catch up on any children who were absent last week. If you are unhappy with your original photograph proof, please let the office know and we can get their photo re-taken.



Friends of Park Gate Primary.

Lots of exciting events coming up, including;

Halloween Costume Sale, Halloween Disco, Half Term Halloween Trail, ~~Wreath Making~~ SOLD OUT, Christmas Jumper Sale, Festive Friday Shopping Event & Christmas Fayre.

See website for details and ticket sales.

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Parents Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place in school during the week beginning 16th October. Available appointments will be released on Tuesday 10th October and are booked via the on-line link that will be emailed out. Appointments are 10 minutes each and will be face-to-face in your child's classroom.



Listen 2 Me Concert—Information Correction

Apologies! We have noticed an error on the diary dates for our next Listen 2 Me concert. This was previously advertised as the wrong class. The event is on **Tuesday 17th October at 2.30pm** for parents of **Silver Birch Class**. This will be a bit different to our usual concerts and we will be running it as a lesson where we hope that parents can play alongside their children. Sounds like fun! We hope to see as many Silver Birch parents there as possible.

Friends of Park Gate Donations

Please drop your outgrown or unused Christmas Jumpers and Halloween costumes to the office.



Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

It gives me great pleasure to announce our Values Ambassadors...

Willow Class – **Millie**...*Excellence*...brilliant enthusiasm when writing her new sounds. A phonics superstar!

Chestnut Class – **Katie**...*All of the Values!*...always trying her best, being a kind friend and following The Park Gate Way.

Apple Class – **Amelia**...*Kindness*...always being the kindest friend to everyone, putting a smile on everyone's faces.

Cherry Class – **Isla**...*Growth*...a great attitude to all her learning and trying her best in all tasks.

Lime Class – **Kobe**...*Resilience*...being a maths superstar. Great work on tens and ones.

Holly Class – **Gemma**...*Achievement*...painting a fantastic seascape in the style of Turner.

Silver Birch Class – **Everly**...*Excellence*...writing an excellent, informative text about the Stone Age.

Cedar Class – **Amelia & Oliver**...*Partnership*...working so well with your partner to plan your collage.

Hazel Class – **Itoro**...*Excellence*... enthusiasm, curiosity and technical skills in computer coding.

Yew Class – **Hannah**...*Excellence*...a fabulous set of instructions for a hidden spy gadget.

Juniper Class – **Henry**...*Aspiration*...working hard to produce a fantastic piece of writing about the Earth.

Sycamore Class – **Evie**...*Achievement*...a fantastic explanation about space using relative clauses and fronted adverbials.

Maple Class – **Sonny** ...*Excellence*...a superstar in all areas of the curriculum with some fantastic writing too.

Oak Class – **Todd**...*Excellence*... an excellent explanation of a red blood cell's journey around the body.

Applying for Secondary School Places—Now open for Year 6

Parents and carers with children due to move to secondary school next year can now [apply for their child's school place for September 2024](#). Secondary school applications are open until 31 October.

Applications can be [submitted online](#), while paper forms can be requested by emailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk.

Please follow the below guidance when submitting your application:

*Name three schools on your application to give you the best chance of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

*Submit your application on time, before the 31 October deadline.

*Use the County Council's [school catchment area finder](#) to check the catchment school for your address.

*Read the schools' admissions policies and look at previous years' admissions data to get an indication of how many places schools can allocate and the criteria that will be used to allocate places.

*Think about how your child will get to school. See the [travel to school](#) pages to help plan your journey and find out if you are eligible for help with transport. You must name your catchment school as one of your preferences if you wish to apply for transport assistance.



Diary Dates

Dates	Events
WB: 9th October	SCARF Week
Tuesday 10th October	Photographer returning for absentees and re-takes
Thursday 12th October	Year 3 Butser Farm Visit
WB: 16th October	Parents Evening Week
Tuesday 17th October 2.30pm	Silver Birch Tree Class Listen 2 Me Concert to Parents (Sorry! Correction of class)
Friday 20th October 9.00am –11.00am	Maths Workshop for Parents
23rd—27th October	Half Term

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Monday 30th October	Halloween Disco—KS1 4.00-5.00pm KS2 5.30-7.00pm
Tuesday 31st October	Closing date for Secondary School Applications
Monday 13th November 3.30pm—4.30pm 4.30pm—5.30pm	Tours of the School for Year R September 2024
Tuesday 14th November	Bags 2 School clothes collection
Wednesday 15th November (am)	Choices Workshops for Year 6 pupils
Thursday 16th November 3.30pm—4.30pm 4.30pm—5.30pm	Tours of the School for Year R September 2024
Monday 20th November 3.30pm—4.30pm 4.30pm—5.30pm	Tours of the School for Year R September 2024
Wednesday 22nd November 8.45am—9.45am	Join us for Coffee and Cakes (Parents & Staff : Informal chat. Pre-school children welcome)
Wednesday 22nd November 3.30pm—4.30pm 4.30pm—5.30pm	Tours of the School for Year R September 2024
Thursday 23rd November (am)	Choices Workshops for Year 6 pupils
Saturday 25th November	Family Photo Shoot
Monday 27th November 6.00pm	Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents
Wednesday 29th November 3.00pm—4.00pm	Open Classrooms for Parents
Thursday 30th November	Christmas Wreath Making 7.00-9.30pm
Tuesday 5th December 2.00pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show—Year 1 parents
Wednesday 6th December 9.30am	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show—Year 2 parents
Wednesday 6th December 2.00pm	Year R Nativity—Willow Class
Thursday 7th December 9.30am	Year R Nativity—Chestnut Class
Monday 11th December 1.30-2.30	Tea, Cakes and Carols (for Grandparents of children in the choir and governors)
Tuesday 12th December 2.30pm	Cedar Class Listen 2 Me Concert for Parents
Wednesday 13th December 6.00pm	Carol Service
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Disco—KS1 4.00-5.00pm KS2 5.30-7.00pm
Friday 15th December	Last Day of the Autumn Term

I will continue to add Autumn Term Dates during the term. New dates will be added in blue.

